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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: AT&T Corp. v. Sprint Spectrum, d/b/a Sprint
PCS, WT Docket No. 01-316.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Robert Quinn Jr. and I met with Sam Feder, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kevin J. Martin. We urged the Commission to reject Sprint's attempt at collecting access charges from interexchange carriers. CMRS-IXC interconnection has been governed by the industry practice of bill and keep for well over 15 years. Before the Commission changes that long-standing and equitable policy, it must also take into account the many differences between the regulation of the wireline and wireless industries. Any change in those compensation arrangements is better suited to discussion in the intercarrier compensation proceeding where all the relevant factors can be evaluated. Allowing wireless carriers to charge access would be inconsistent with the deregulatory nature of wireless interconnection that the Commission has adopted in previous proceedings. AT&T statements and comments were consistent with its previous filings in the above mentioned proceeding.

Consistent with the Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Merrick".

Attachments

cc: Sam Feder